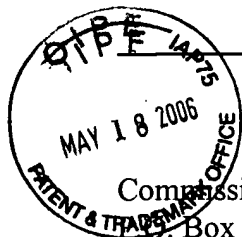


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PATENT

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

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This declaration is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 in response to the final rejection of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/483,164 (the "Application"), assigned to Secure Computing Corporation to establish the inapplicability of using the reference "Napolean Network Application Policy Environment", by Thomsen, O'Brien and Payne, published October 28, 1999 at the Fourth ACM Workshop on Role Based Access Control (hereinafter "the Napolean Article"), to reject the claims of the instant application under 35 USC § 102(a). The above identified U.S. Patent Application claims the benefit of provisionally filed U.S. Application Serial No. 60/168,656 filed December 2, 1999.

I, Jessica Bogle, do hereby declare:

1. I have been an employee of Secure Computing Corporation, the assignee of the Application, since at least as early as September, 1999.
2. I am a joint inventor of all claims of the Application.
3. The subject matter claimed in the Application was invented prior to October 1999, the publication date of the Napolean Article.
4. The disclosure in the Napolean Article of the subject matter claimed in the Application is of information invented by the inventors of the Application prior to the publication date of the Napolean Article.
5. The source of any disclosure in the Napolean Article of the subject matter claimed in the Application was provided from work of the inventors of the Application.
6. The subject matter claimed in the Application was invented in the United States.

7. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: _____

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